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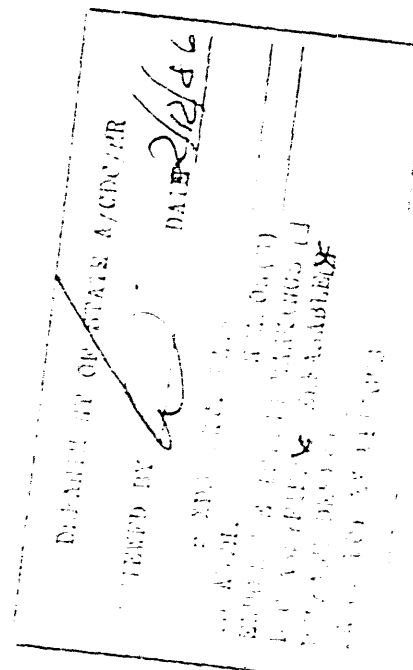
..E.O. 12065: GDS 3/18/85 (SHERMAN, R) OR-P
..TAGS: PEPR, PBOR, SREF, PK, AF, UN
..SUBJECT: (U) GOP CONSIDERS ASKING UN ASSISTANCE FOR AFGHAN REFUGEES
..REF: ISLAMABAD 1328

1. (U) PAKISTAN TIMES REPORTS MARCH 19 THAT GOP "IS CON-
SIDERING" AN APPROACH FOR U.N. AND OTHER INTERNATIONAL AGENCIES
FOR SUPPORT FOR AFGHAN REFUGEES. QUOTING AN OFFICIAL SPOKES-
MAN THE PAPER REPORTS THERE ARE NOW 35,000 SUCH AFGHANS RECEIVING
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GOP SUPPORT, WHICH INCLUDES SUBSISTENCE AND SHELTER WHERE
AVAILABLE.

2. (U) IN ANSWER TO A JOURNALIST'S QUESTION, THE SPOKESMAN
SAID THAT THIS MOVE IS "UNDER CONSIDERATION" WITHIN THE
GOP AND INTIMATED NO APPROACH HAS YET BEEN MADE TO ANY
INTERNATIONAL BODY. HE ALSO DENIED THAT KABUL HAS ASKED
FOR REPATRIATION OF ANY OF THE REFUGEES.



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3. (U) THE OFFICIAL SPOKESMAN SAID THERE IS NO TRUTH TO REPORTS THAT GUERRILLA TRAINING IS BEING GIVEN TO THE REFUGEES IN PAKISTAN. THE GOP WOULD NOT, HE SAID, ALLOW SUCH TRAINING TO TAKE PLACE IN THIS COUNTRY. (REFTEL).

4. (C) COMMENT: EMBASSY HAS DISCUSSED PRESS REPORT WITH U.N. OFFICIAL WHO REPORTS THAT U.N. RESREP IN PAKISTAN, MICHAEL PRIESTLEY, WILL BE MEETING WITH MFA OFFICIALS ON THIS SUBJECT WITHIN NEXT FEW DAYS. WHILE NO OFFICIAL APPEAL HAS BEEN RECEIVED, U.N. OFFICIAL SAYS HIS ORGANIZATION EXPECTS ONE TO BE FORTHCOMING AND HAS ASKED FOR THE MEETING WITH MFA. WILL ADVISE WHEN SUBSTANCE OF APPEAL IS KNOWN.

5. (C) PAKISTANI OFFICIALS IN PESHAWAR HAVE PREVIOUSLY STATED THEIR BELIEF THAT GOP COULD HANDLE UP TO 50,000 REFUGEES FROM ITS OWN RESOURCES; OTHERS, HOWEVER, HAVE SUGGESTED THAT 35,000 FIGURE UNDERSTATES THE REAL DEMENSIONS OF THE PROBLEM SINCE IT INCLUDES ONLY THOSE DIRECTLY DEPENDENT ON THE GOP FOR RELIEF AND DOES NOT INCLUDE THOSE BEING SUPPORTED WITHIN THE TRIBAL SYSTEM.

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